

## **I-5 – South 317<sup>th</sup> Street HOV Direct Access Project Update**

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### **Construction Update**

Crews are doing final preparations for placing the new pavement on southbound I-5 near S. 320<sup>th</sup> Street. We've also started excavation and shoring for construction on the I-5 bridge over Military Road. We're widening this bridge to make room to extend the I-5 carpool lanes from their current end at Military Road to south of S. 320<sup>th</sup> Street. And crews have started shoring for yet another retaining wall, on the left side of the southbound exit ramp to S. 320<sup>th</sup> Street.

Other work continues throughout the project site, including:

- Construction of the second S. 317<sup>th</sup> bridge support
- Construction of retaining walls north and south of the second bridge support
- Construction of retaining walls behind (west of) the first bridge support
- Finishing the area around the retaining wall north of the first bridge support
- Electrical and drainage work

### **I-5 and Military Road Lane Closures**

Tonight (Jan. 18) we will close two southbound I-5 lanes near S. 320<sup>th</sup> Street from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. This will allow crews to perform shoring work for the second S. 317<sup>th</sup> bridge support.

Tonight through Thursday night (Jan. 18-20), we will close three northbound I-5 lanes near S. 320<sup>th</sup> Street. We'll close the first lane at 6 p.m., a second at 9 p.m., and a third at 11 p.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. each morning. Crews will pave the northbound shoulder to strengthen the pavement. This work is scheduled to begin this week and last for two weeks. The paving work is weather-dependent, so rain could postpone these northbound I-5 closures.

Today through Friday (Jan. 18-21) we'll close one lane of Military Road between S. 304<sup>th</sup> Street and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue S. between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. During these closures we'll work on widening the I-5 bridge over Military Road.

### **Lane Changes Prohibited**

Remember that it is illegal to change lanes on southbound I-5 between Military Road and S. 320<sup>th</sup> Street, as indicated by the solid white lines between lanes. This is especially

important in the area where the lanes split around the median bridge support at S. 320<sup>th</sup>. Staying in your lane will help everyone get safely through the work zone.

## Protecting the Environment

WSDOT and Sound Transit are permanently improving environmental protection measures with the I-5 – S. 317<sup>th</sup> Street project by adding four new detention ponds in the area to capture and clean rainwater runoff from I-5.

We're also taking measures during construction to protect fish and fish habitat in the West Hylebos Creek system west of I-5.

Crews have placed jute matting on slopes in the project area. Jute matting is a sort of blanket made from strong, coarse fiber that prevents the slope from eroding. Erosion generates sediment that might drain into streams and affect fish.

We've also placed devices to contain runoff until the sediment settles out and to keep pollutants out of the creek system. These devices include:

- Check dams
- Silt fences
- Catch basin inserts

If you'd like to see photos of some of these methods on the I-5 – S. 317<sup>th</sup> Street project, visit [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5\\_S317th\\_DirectAccess/photos/jan05.html](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5_S317th_DirectAccess/photos/jan05.html).

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